Principles of Volunteer Recruiting

FOCUS: Know what kind of activities you want done and, therefore, what kinds of

people you want.

INITIATIVE: Find out where these kinds of people are likely to be and go after them. Do not

wait passively for just anyone to walk in.

SHAPE: The position to the person whenever possible, rather than vice versa. When you

do this, more of the people you initially attract will complete the process and

become actual recruits.

HAVE: A good volunteer program all the way through that includes orientation

training, recognition, good staff relations, etc. People will hear about it and

your recruiting job will be that much easier.

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